

## PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

**Subject:** Delegated authority to commit to capital schemes  
**Committee:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 25 March 2014  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Mark Lowry  
**CMT Member:** Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place)  
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**Ref:**

**Key Decision:** Yes

**Part:** I

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### **Purpose of the report:**

To recommend that Cabinet seeks Council approval to delegate authority to the Leader to add schemes and remove schemes from the capital programme and determine the priority of all schemes in the programme, provided that the total value of the capital programme as agreed by Council should not be exceeded.

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### **The Brilliant Co-operative Council Corporate Plan 2013/14 -2016/17:**

This will support the Corporate Plan by enabling timely and robust decisions to be made on the investment required to deliver capital projects.

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### **Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**

#### **Including finance, human, IT and land:**

This only relates to decisions to commit capital schemes that are within the total value of the capital programme as agreed by Council at its meeting on 24 February 2014 or as subsequently amended by Council.

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### **Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:**

None

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### **Equality and Diversity:**

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

Public sector bodies need to be able to evidence that they have given due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty, and the provisions of the Equality Act 2010, in shaping policy, in delivering services, and in relation to their own employees.

The change that this report recommends is to delegate a power from Council to the Leader. In exercising that power, ie by making decisions that add or remove schemes from the capital programme, consideration must still be given to the Public Sector Equality Duty, as it would be if it was the Council making the decision. To support the Leader in discharging this responsibility we will carry out Equality Impact Assessments on the business case for each decision that is made using this delegated power, where it is proportionate and relevant to do so.”

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**Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:**

that Cabinet recommend to Council:

1. That Council gives delegated authority to the Leader, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for finance, to add schemes and remove schemes from the capital programme and determine the priority of all schemes in the programme, provided that the total value of the capital programme as agreed by Council should not be exceeded.
2. That any changes made by the Leader will be supported by a sound business case
3. That any additions and/or amendments made to capital schemes under delegated authority will be reported in the Council financial monitoring report and quarterly to full Council.
4. That the relevant sections of the constitution be amended accordingly.

Reasons:

In order to effect more efficient and timely decision making

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**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

To continue with the current approval process which requires approval for capital schemes to be sought from Cabinet and Council as part of quarterly monitoring, would result in delays in the delivery of capital schemes.

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**Published work / information:****Background papers:**

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**Sign off:**

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Originating SMT Member: Paul Barnard													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? Yes													